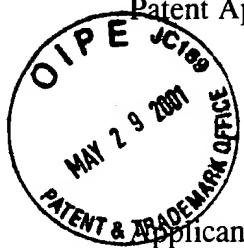


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Please cancel Claims 1-5 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

6. (New) A surgical implant for securing sutures, grafts, synthetic materials, and soft tissue to soft tissue at a selected target site comprising:

- (a) a piton member having proximal and distal ends, said distal end being operative to penetrate into and become embedded within said soft tissue at said target site, said piton member being manually positionable within the tissue such that said piton member defines a pathway of penetration therewithin;
- (b) an attachment member formed upon said proximal end of said piton member, said attachment member being designed to receive and securably hold said suture, graft or soft tissue; and



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